GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1794
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QUALITY OF PACKAGED DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prescribed any norms for maintaining quality for packaged drinking water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases unearthed by the Government for violating the quality norms alongwith;

(d) action taken by the Government thereon;

(e) whether the Government proposes to modify the standards of quality, for packaged drinking water;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the time by which these standards are likely be effected?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The Standards of packaged drinking water have been prescribed in the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules, 1955 wherein it has been provided that no person shall manufacture, sell or exhibit for sale packaged drinking water except under Bureau of Indian Standards certification mark.

(c) & (d): The implementation of the PFA Act, 1954 & PFA Rules, 1955 is carried out by the State Governments / UT Administrations, who take action in case of any violation of the PFA Rules. The requisite information is accordingly being collected from them and will be laid on the table of the House.

(e) No Sir.

(f) & (g) : Do not arise.